

**A NARROW ESCAPE
OF TWO MEN FROM BEING KILLED
BY A TRAIN.**
ENGINEER'S QUICKNESS SAVED THEM

**Alleged Highwayman Taken to
Lynchburg—Sunday-School Matters.
A Street Improvement Completed—
Last Brick Laid—Other News.**

PETERSBURG, VA., December 16.—(Special)—Mr. William Henry Perkins, a southern citizen of Dinwiddie county, was a friend, with whom he was driving in a buggy, had a very narrow escape from death, or serious injury, to-day at the intersection of Sycamore and Washington streets, while attempting to cross the railroad tracks at that point. The bug was lowered for the passage of a train of freight-cars, which was approaching, and which was being pushed by an engine in the rear. The gates of the engineer's house were open, and the engineer, who was running across the tracks, saw the danger, and, without turning the vehicle over on its side, before he could stop, Mr. Perkins, but for the prompt action of one or both of the gentlemen, probably have been killed.

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Burgess, a business-man of this place, and Miss Mamie May Courtney, daughter of Mr. A. W. Courtney. The marriage will take place Tuesday, December 24, 1899, in the Episcopal church.

Mr. Aubrey Bowie, son of the late Captain Henry Clay Bowie, and a nephew of Judge Daniel A. Grimesley, will wed Miss Stringfellow, second daughter of Mrs. Laurence Stringfellow, of Elkwood, in this county, on Thursday, December 21st, at Brandy Station. Mr. Bowie formerly resided here, but is at present located at Alexandria, Va., in the employ of the Southern Railway Company.

The Exponent newspaper of this place, edited by Mr. Raleigh Travers Green, formerly editor of the Manchester Leader, has been enlarged and now shows its appearance as an eight-page weekly.

Mr. David Utterback, a well-known and highly respected citizen of this county, died at his home, near Clarkton, Tuesday, aged 71 years. Mr. Utterback had been an invalid for a number of years. He leaves two sons.

An ornate steel ceiling will be put up in the court-room of our handsome county court-house. A number of years ago this room was painted by Count Joseph Odendino, who spent several years at the task, and when it was completed it was considered a work of art, but recently the ceiling has begun to fall, and hence the necessity for repairs.

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CONVICTED OF MURDER.

On the Fourth Trial of the Case—The Details.

NOTTOWAY COURTHOUSE, VA., December 16.—(Special)—Probably Nottoway is to have her first legal hanging since the war. The jury in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Andrew Rogers (colored), charged with the premeditated killing of Emmett Ross (also colored), returned a verdict of murder in the first degree at 12 o'clock this afternoon, after having deliberated two hours.

Andrew Rogers, a negro, was condemned to die, and his wife, a colored woman, was found in the negro's possession two new plates and other articles, probably stolen, a buckskin glove and a Bowie knife, which were found beyond doubt as the property of a man who was waylaid and robbed.

According to the negro's story, he was yesterday from the store of Mr. W. H. Ross, on Halifax street. He will be given three months in jail in consequence.

The last one of the triflled brick on the street was laid to-day, and by a workman who laid the first. The contractor for the work is under bond to the street in good condition for five years, and all the defective bricks will be removed and replaced by good ones. The total surface covered was about 2,000 square yards at a cost of nearly \$2,000. Contributions have been made by the members of Miss Anna Head's Ladies Aid, and the colored colored women, both of Orange county, to take place at Orange Episcopal church next Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

The Methodist Sunday-School Association of this city, will hold its regular session in the church in Ettrick to-morrow afternoon, with the usual interesting programme of exercises.

The sales of loose tobacco at the warehouses in this city this week aggregated somewhat over 75,000 pounds.

Grand-Regent Bloomberg will pay an official visit to the Royal Arsenals command in this city next Tuesday evening.

The brick walls of the immense building to be used by the Southern Railways and Development Company, their carriage and wagon Park, have been completed, and all the iron-work for girders and roof is here. This will be put up by skilled workmen, especially brought here for the purpose.

SUICIDE'S BODY FOUND.

The V. P. I. Foot-Ball Team—Captain Elected.

BLACKSBURG, VA., December 16.—(Special)—After a very successful football season, the Blackshirts, the Virginia Polytechnic Institute team has organized and elected as their leader for next season Cadet W. B. Hufford, of Wytheville, Va. Cadet Hufford, the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, the soul mate in the game between the University of Tennessee and the cadets, has won him a foremost place among the half-backs of the South. He scored the only touch-down in the Tennessee game, and the other captain of the Virginia eleven, this team stands second in the State, having been scored on only by the University of Virginia, and the cadets.

Cadet Hufford, and T. F. Farmer, Esp. Eng., defeated the accused, at the request of the Court, and Commonwealth's Attorney Watson was assisted in the prosecution by H. E. Lee, Esp.

Leather Goods.

Purses, Card-Cases, and Pocket-Books, all kinds and seal leather, the silver, gold and silk trimming, \$25c.

Ladies' Purse-Books and Card-Cases combined, seal, monkey and alligator leather, worth up to \$50c.

Children's Purses and Card-Cases, from \$1.50 to \$1.25.

Gentlemen's Collar and Cuff Boxes, real skin, satin lined, \$1.75 for

75c. to \$1.75.

WOMEN'S WEARING APPAREL FOR THE HOME—Serviceable gifts at reasonable prices.

HOUSE WRAPPERS.—Ladies' Flannel-House Wrappers, newest designs, flounced skirt, with yokes neatly trimmed in braid, \$1.50 and \$1.75.

BATH ROBES.—Ladies' Fine Elder-Blown Bath Robes, collar satin lining, silk frog trimmings, satin ribbon ties, girdle and tassel, \$5 value \$3.98 for

DRYING-SACQUES.—Special: Ladies' Fine Quality Elderdown Dressing-Sacques, colors Light Blue, Pink, Gray, and Red, crocheted edge, \$1.50.

ribbon strings, 2-clasp fastening, \$1.25.

EDGING-SACQUES, colors: Lavender, Blue, Red, and Gray, trimmed in braid, satin ribbon \$1.25

Fine Dressing-Sacques, in Cashmere, Elderdown, etc., at \$6.75

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HOT SPRINGS.

Personal Notes—The Hanna Diamond Robbery.

HOT SPRINGS, VA., December 16.—(Special)—Mr. William K. Vanderbilt and party left to-night on their car for Washington.

Mr. Fred Sterry has gone to Florida.

Mr. McLaughlin is in charge here during the absence of Mr. Sterry.

The much-talked-of diamond robbery, which is alleged to have occurred one month ago, was of the diamonds of Mrs. Hanna, daughter-in-law of the Senator Hanna, and not his wife. No arrests have been made.

Dr. and Mrs. Brandt leave to-morrow for New York.

ANOTHER Adjournment.

NORFOLK, VA., December 16.—(Special)—The adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the Seaboard and Atlantic Air-Line Company, called to meet in Portsmouth to-day, to act upon the scheme of consolidating the road with other lines of the Seaboard Air-Line, the Florida Central and Peninsula, and the Georgia and Atlantic, adjourned until February 1st.

There was no quorum present, but Thomas F. Ryan, of New York, who is opposing the consolidation, was represented by his son, W. K. Ryan, and by William H. Page, Jr., of New York; Dr. G. G. Grant, of Norfolk, and W. L. Murray, of Baltimore. These lawyers presented a resolution declaring the sale of the Seaboard and Roanoke's control of the Raleigh and Gaston road and the consolidated road, and the stockholders voted to that time to have been against the interest of the stockholders. The resolution demands the immediate institution of suits to rescind the sale of this stock.

Judge Watts, chairman of the meeting, ruled the resolution out of order, and an adjournment was taken until Tuesday.

A BRIDE.

DANVILLE, VA., December 16.—(Special)—A shocking accident occurred in this city to-day, as a result of which Merritt Miles, a white freight brakeman on the Southern railway, was instantly killed. Young Miles was standing on the platform, which was being shifted, and fell between the cars, being horribly mangled. It is a remarkable coincidence that just a year ago to the day Miles' father was killed in precisely the same way.

The large American liner New York, which was at the ship-yard for the past few weeks undergoing a complete overhauling, will sail for New York tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

CULPEPER.

Coming Weddings—Personal and Other Notes.

CULPEPER, VA., December 16.—(Special)—Cards have been issued announcing the coming marriage of Mr. Richard H.

THE RICHMOND DISPATCH—SUNDAY DECEMBER 17, 1899.

This Store Open Every Evening Till Xmas.

Things for The Baby.

Infants' Long Cashmere Cloaks, beautifully embroidered skirt, deep ruffle of embroidery over shoulders, worth \$1.50, special holiday offering this week \$98c.

Infants' Cream Cashmere Cloaks, \$5 value, the best \$1.75

Infants' Cream Cashmere Cloaks, \$5 value, the best \$3.50

At \$2.98 Children's Short Cream Cashmere Cloaks, daintily trimmed with dainty ribbon and silk braid.

INFANTS' CLOTHES.—Infants' White Silk Embroidered Caps, with double ruche of lace around the face and pompon of lace and ribbon, \$1.00.

Children's Colored Silk Caps, all colors, trimmed in silk braid and fur around the entire cap, wide \$50c.

Children's Colorful Silk Caps, all colors, trimmed in silk braid and fur around the entire cap, wide \$69c.

INFANTS' FLANNEL SACQUES, daintily embroidered, at

\$2.62, \$1.50, and 98c.

Children's Crochet Sacques, pink, blue, and white, choice 25c.

Children's Booties 10c.

HOLIDAY Aprons.

Nurses' Aprons.

Large White Nurses' Aprons, with deep hem and wide sash bound 19c.

White Aprons, with deep, hemstitched hem and extra wide sash 25c.

White Persian Lawn Aprons, with hemstitched or tucked hem, with either braid or lace, wide sash, very wide sash 48c.

Finer grades in embroideries and lace, from

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Gray suede Dog-Collar Belts, \$1.00

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48c. pocket-book attached